

Thought for the day – Friday 7th May 2021

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How do we make the world a better place? The path for a better future for all? Google says:

1. By putting your money in the hands of the best organizations
2. To look beyond our backyard, as our money is likely to travel further when given abroad.
3. By focusing on women and girls and gender equality

Or better still, how can we make the world a safer, fairer, and better place for all of us? This is a major issue. Genesis 1: 27 reminds us that we are all made in the image of God.

Since this COVID crises we have seen the inequality, cruelty, and injustices in many societies more so in developing countries. The big question is how we can set the record straight? However, we can see the creativity, resilience, and generosity of so many countries and people. There is no greater time to show others that we are all created by the same God and made in His own image. It is our duty as human beings to show each other respect, love, dignity and that we care for each other. This could be one of the ways to rescue our society or planet and save us all from self-destruction. As we begin to recover from COVID, we should not make it business as usual, but aim to make the world a better place for all of us.

Christ has shown us love and love for one another and for our neighbour, we must not allow the pain and agony of the cross be in vain. With open heart of peace and love we can change the world. We all need to play our part for it to work. Our vocation invites us to produce good fruit for the kingdom of God. This is the fruit of the spirit because where the spirit is there is not only freedom but generosity, kindness, human dignity, and service to others. This is what we are called to do as followers of Christ.

Bible passage: John 15: 1 - 12

Prayer. Almighty and eternal Father, forgive us our division and help us to celebrate diversity, to recognise the failings of the past and to regenerate our communities to reflect the oneness of Your holy nature. Amen.